

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 17 - 33 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

By the present amendment, claims 24 - 31 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 34 - 38 have been added to the application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application to the subject matter of cancelled claims 24 - 31.

In the office action mailed April 11, 2008, the Examiner required restriction between the following groups of invention:

I. Claims 17 - 23 and 32 - 33 drawn to a detector of articles, as depicted in Figure 2; and

II. Claims 24 - 31 drawn to a system for the identification of articles as depicted in Figure 1.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 17 - 23 and 32 - 33, for the purposes of examination. This election is made without traverse. New claims 34 - 38 depend directly or indirectly from claim 17 and therefore fall within, and are readable on, the elected group.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby

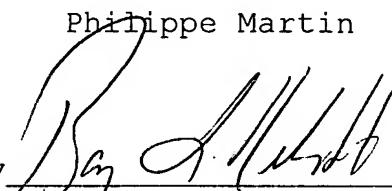
invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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